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Curios and Relics
Furniture
Table
Owned by Lincoln

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources

From the files of the
Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection

Lewis A. Walter

#1012 South Floyd

Louisville Ky Apl 11-35

Will you be interested in a dropleaf cherry dining table which is an authenticated Lincoln piece in fine condition priced at \$1000.00 on which a good commission will be paid-or can be bought outright personally by you. If you are not interested will you advise such friends and collectors as are of this rare find and they or you take the matter up with me and we can do some business.

Personally I own several small articles which were the property and made by General George Washington of which I have photos and photostats-which are for sale-you appreciate the great value of both Lincoln and Washington items-Anderson Am Art Galleries wish to sell at unrestricted sale-which does not appeal to me

Advise promptly Yrs etc Lewis A. Walter

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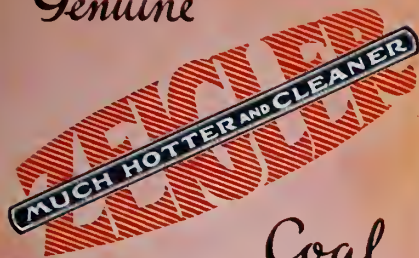
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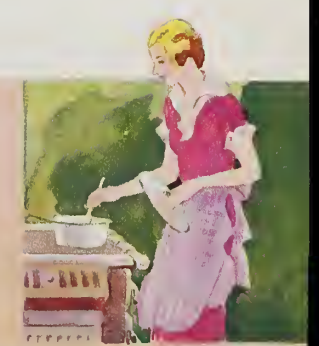
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Greenview

I have in
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Lucas sewing table and
I would sell it would you
be interested if not
you know of anyone who
I would
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Yours
John L. Wise

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Lincolniana Publishers
Box 1110
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Curios - Lapham

May 27, 1936

Mr. John L. Wise
Greenville, Illinois

My dear Sir:

I regret that we do not gather Lincoln curios here as we have no place to display them. Our chief effort has been in the gathering of books and pictures.

I would not know to whom to direct you with reference to securing a purchaser for your sewing table.

Very truly yours

LAW:LH

Director

466 W. Market St.
Harrisburg, Pa
Nov. 1, 1938

Lincoln Hist. Research Foundation

Louis A. Warren, Director
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sir: —

I have in my possession a
three piece ^{Hepplewhite} extension table, which
originally belonged to the Lincoln
family. I am interested in selling
this article, and shall appreciate
any information you may give me
as to museums or individuals who
might be interested in such a
piece of furniture. It is in good
condition. I shall be glad to give
more details & information upon
request.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs) Thelma P. Lowenbach

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November 4, 1938

Miss Violette P. Lorenbach
466 W. Market St.
Harrisonburg, Va.

My dear Madam:

I regret to advise you that we do not collect Lincoln furniture ourselves here at the Lincoln Foundation but you might write to the Abraham Lincoln Association, Springfield, Illinois and it is very possible that someone there would be interested in the item.

Very truly yours,

LAW:FW
L.A. Warren

Director

Louisville, Ky.

July 2nd 1940.

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referred you to me some 5 yrs
ago as a prospect in buying
a table which at one time
belonged to Abraham Lincoln.
I was clearing up some papers
going through my desk. and
have decided to put to sell
this table that I still have. I
bought this table Salem Indiana.
and have reference as to this
table being authentic. bought
from the grandson. who's
Grandfather bought this table
from person from Abraham Lincoln
If you are interested in this
table. Or anyone you may know
is interested. Please call or write
me for further information. Sincerely
Mr. N. P. Bolling

Table

July 8, 1940

Mrs. H. P. Bolling
331 E. Market St.
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Bolling:

The delay in replying to your letter is due to a brief vacation I have been taking. Although I have been interested in seeing the picture and the Lincoln table you have, I do not feel we care to acquire it as we are not especially interested in curios.

We will keep your letter on file, however, and if we do learn of anyone who would be interested in its acquisition, we will let you know.

Very truly yours,

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Harrison St.,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Gentlemen:

Knowing of your deep interest in Lincolniana, it gives me great pleasure to invite your attention to a TABLE that we own that was at one time owned and used by ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

We have the full history of the table from the time it left Lincoln's hands until it came to us, all made in affidavit form.

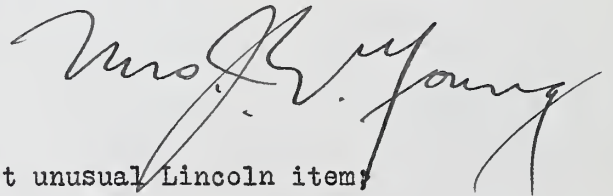
If you would like to learn more about it, will send you copy of its history, as well as photograph of the table and then, if you wish, arrangements could be made for you to see it.

As you know, authentic Lincoln items are exceedingly scarce so we are proud to give you the opportunity of adding this fine item to your collection.

I am,

Sincerely yours,

ATY/N



P.S. Have just secured a most unusual Lincoln item:

A small section of rope that was used for the hanging of Herrold, one of the conspirators involved in the assassination of the great Lincoln.

Authenticity unassailable.

Also have books, pamphlets, prints, lithographs, engravings, photographs, badges and a bronze plaque "Lincoln's Failures."

Table

April 29, 1949

Mrs. J.W. Young
424-6 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago 5, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Young:

I regret to advise you that we are not interested in curios relating to Lincoln, as we have no adequate place to display them. We do acquire books and pamphlets we do not have and also lithographs and things of that nature. If you will list what you have in stock, we will be pleased to send a check for them if we do not have them and your price is reasonable.

Very truly yours,

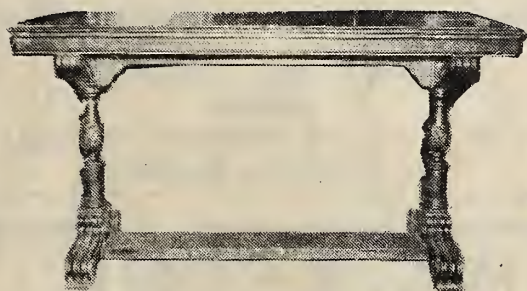
LAW:EB

Director

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Dearborn, Michigan





Abraham Lincoln previously owned this library table purchased 1923 from Todd Lincoln by Mrs Helen Davis Brown. The table was an inauguration gift built by Irving & Casson of Boston. Papers available on request.



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The Presidents

This issue of *The Herald* focuses on an extraordinarily exclusive category of famous personages — one which has included only 39 men from 1789 through the spring of 1980. During a year in which most of America is whipped into a fury of consternation over who should occupy the White House for the next four years, this issue's authors provide a base of reality through studies of campaigns and presidents of the past.

The office is so unique and desirable and the road to it so difficult that it is little wonder the winners have produced campaign techniques as varied as their own personalities. Assistant editor Lois Gorrell's intriguing tales of 19th-century electioneering show that humor and sadness, grandeur and pettiness, profit and loss have been factors in presidential politics since John Adam's election in 1796. The importance of issues is often harder to determine.

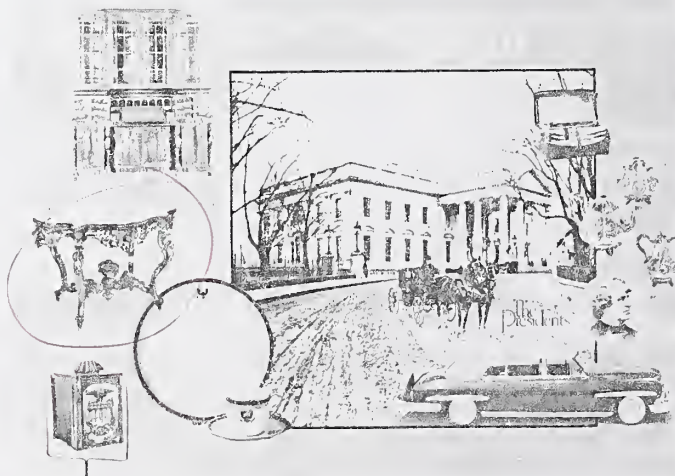
Once a man is elected to the country's highest post, literally everything he touches or associates with takes on special value. Such artifacts from past administrations, often rather common items, can offer unusual insights into a president and his times. Lincolniana expert Weldon Petz illustrates this approach in his sampling of Henry Ford Museum objects associated with our 16th president.

Similarly, a president's mere likeness on otherwise everyday products not only adds

value to them, but provides the historian with a useful tool to determine how the man fits into America's popular culture. Museum glass and ceramics curator Christina Nelson examines the variety of wares graced by patriotic images of George Washington during his life and long after his death.

While the pages of *The Herald* can transmit much of the drama surrounding presidents past, I would be remiss not to point out an opportunity between now and Labor Day to attend a "rally" honoring all 39 chief executives and even some of the hopefuls in the 1980 race. A major Henry Ford Museum exhibit, "Politics U.S.A.," sends forth the campaign cries of the winners and also-rams. Posters, sheet music, walking canes with sculpted candidates' likenesses, illustrated and molded shaving mugs, torches, buttons, top hats and hundreds of other nearly unbelievable memorabilia make today's sophisticated communications devices appear mundane by comparison.

So, while deliberating over which man to vote for this year, number 39 or number 40, don't overlook the outpouring of American ingenuity and creativity that historically accompanies the selection process. Much can be learned, and we trust the following pages will provide you with an interesting backdrop on which to judge the 1980 campaign and the ultimate victor. — GCU



Cover: Against an 1866 photograph of the White House, designer Robert Codish has arrayed a sampling of the Henry Ford Museum's collections associated with American presidents: George Washington's folding camp bed; James K. Polk's silver tea service; an 1865 portrait of Andrew Johnson; a 1950 Lincoln that paraded presidents

until 1967; a 1902 brougham carriage in the White House fleet until 1928; pieces from Franklin D. Roosevelt's White House dinner service; Abraham Lincoln's table; Andrew Jackson's secretary desk, used in the Hermitage; and a campaign torch that helped such men to get to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

